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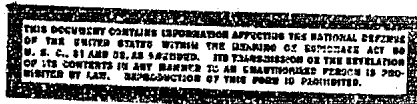
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NEW HUNGARIAN PLANNING PROCEDURE

[The following is a series of three new regulations which represent changes in planning technique and procedure.]

National Planning to Be Based on Local Plans

Instruction No 2,000-53 of the National Planning Office, dated 2 April 1952, states that introduction of planning on megye level represented real progress in drawing up national plans for 1952. This planning method will henceforth be extended and will be introduced in the jarasok [subdivisions of megyek], cities, and towns. As a result, local planning methods will embrace even the smallest administrative subdivisions; moreover, the chiefs of all administrative subdivisions will become familiar with plan tasks and will be responsible for the fulfillment of local plans. This method does not involve additional planning but only the consolidation of approved plans in a single document for the area concerned.

Jaras, city, and town plans must include the following data:

1. Local industry: total production, amount of output by products, distribution of products (except in towns), and development plans.
2. Agriculture (except state farms): area under cultivation, average yield of the more important crops, total yields of the more important crops, cultivated area under crop contracts, irrigated area, soil conservation, new fruit orchards and vineyards, census of livestock, animal products, contracts with machine stations, and animal breeding under contract.
3. Purchase of agricultural products: amount of products to be purchased.
4. Retail trade: over-all plan, turnover in the more important products, and plans for expanding outlets.
5. Social, cultural, hygienic, and other public projects.

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Jaras and city plans will be prepared with the cooperation of the planning and statistical, administration, local-industry, food-production, agriculture, collection, trade, transportation, education, culture, and hygiene departments of the megye. Plans drawn up by towns will be prepared with the cooperation of the corresponding departments of the jaras.

The plans must be submitted to the supervising authority not later than the following dates: town plans, 21 April 1952; machine station plans, broken down as to cities and towns, 21 April 1952; jaras and city plans, 28 April 1952; consolidated megye plans, except trade plans, 12 May 1952; and consolidated trade plans for the megye, 24 May 1952. After the town plans are approved, the jaras will return them to the towns not later than 31 May 1952.

Planning for Introduction of New Products in 1953

Decree No 2,004/1 of the Council of Ministers, dated 22 January 1952, defines the classification, planning, and manufacturing priority of new products. Implementing the above decree, the National Planning Office has issued Instruction No 2,000-51, dated 2 April 1952, which contains the following provisions:

New products are: (1) all products which have not been produced in the past or are different in structure, composition, or purpose from previous products; and (2) new plant or animal types.

New products will be classified in two categories. Category A includes new products which play a vital role in Hungary's national economy, require large investments, or are manufactured for export. Category B includes all new products which do not fall into Category A.

The most important products in Category A will be selected by the Technical Development Division of the National Planning Office and will be included in the national technical development plans.

All producing and consuming enterprises affected by this instruction are required to submit recommendations concerning new products for 1953. Export-import enterprises will prepare their recommendations with a view to reducing imports and increasing exports. In requesting production of new products, reasons must be given, such as consumption, investment, export, import, etc. Expected effects of new products on the market, characteristic data, and quantities needed in 1953 must also be indicated. These recommendations must be made in time to reach the supervising authorities not later than 15 May 1952.

Ministries and major authorities which, from the viewpoint of planning, are considered equal to ministries, are required to supply the necessary information to supervised enterprises not later than 10 April 1952.

The ministries must examine requests in the light of the Five-Year Plan, give professional advice, and classify the new products under Category A or B. The ministries concerned with the consumption of goods must transmit their lists of new products to the ministries concerned with production by 1 June 1952. The lists will be examined by the producing ministries from the viewpoint of production possibilities.

The minister concerned with production will add the new products to the unified list of products. The Technical Development Division of the National Planning Office will select the most important products from among those listed in Category A and will inform the producing and consuming ministries concerned of its selections by 15 July 1952.

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The most important products in Category A will be included in the technical development plans of the National Planning Office. Other Category A products will be included in the technical development plans of the various ministries. Finally, all new products will be included in the technical development plans of the producing enterprises.

Processing of Important Investment Plans

Decree No 2,300-46 of the National Planning Office, dated 2 April 1952, contains the following provisions:

Approval of investment plans of national importance is governed by Decree No 12,900 of the National Planning Office, dated 18 December 1950. According to the foregoing decree, the minister in charge of plan preparations must obtain the recommendations of the ministers of building and transportation concerning surface as well as underground construction work before presenting the plan.

To speed up the approval of plans, the following procedure must henceforth be followed:

The minister in charge of preparations will transmit the plans, together with his own recommendations, directly to the secretariat of the Committee on Plan Approval of the Területrendezési Intézet Territorial Adjustment Institute, Budapest V, Rador-u. 7. It will be the responsibility of the secretariat to obtain the approval of the Ministries of Building and Transportation in reference to surface and underground constructions.

The plans must be submitted in triplicate to the Területrendezési Intézet.

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